

DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to the RCE filing on 6-07-2011. Claims 1, 12, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 25, 27, 28, 30-33 and 35 are pending and have been considered below.

Disclosure of Prior Art

6610103 B2 Method for providing precise cumulative updates (not relied upon).

5809287 A Automatic computer upgrading (not relied upon).

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Majid S. Al Bassam on 8-9-2011.

Please amend Claims 1 and 25 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A system, executed by a processor, for extending online help for an integrated development environment, comprising:
a help system configured to merge documentation content of an integrated development environment extension with current documentation content of the integrated development environment upon import of the integrated development environment extension into the integrated development environment, wherein the help system includes context-sensitive help topics; and
a help display, wherein search capabilities and table of contents are automatically updated to reflect the documentation content after the integrated development environment extension is imported, wherein the help display is configured to display the documentation content in a web browser;
wherein the documentation content for the integrated development environment extension is integrated with the help system during the import of the integrated development environment extension,
wherein when a control is installed, documentation for the control is integrated with the help system during the installation of the control into the integrated development environment,
wherein the integrated development environment issues a context ID to the help display when a context-sensitive help gesture is performed, wherein the context ID comprises a URN that is a fully qualified Java class name for control classes or an analogous hierarchical name for non-class items, and

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wherein the help system is integrated with an extension installation mechanism of the integrated development environment.

25. (Currently Amended) A method for extending online help for an integrated development environment, comprising:

importing an integrated development environment extension into the integrated development environment;

merging documentation content of the integrated development environment extension with current documentation content of the integrated development environment upon import of the integrated development extension, wherein the documentation content includes context-sensitive help topics with respect to the integrated development environment extension; and

displaying operations for a help system, wherein search capabilities and table of contents are automatically updated to reflect the documentation content after the integrated development environment extension is imported, wherein a help display is configured to display the documentation content in a web browser;

wherein the documentation content for the integrated development environment extension is integrated with the help system during the import of the integrated development environment extension into the integrated development environment, wherein when a control is installed, documentation for the control is integrated with the help system during the installation of the control into the integrated development

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environment,

wherein the integrated development environment issues a context ID to the help display when a context-sensitive help gesture is performed wherein the context ID comprises a URN that is a fully qualified Java class name for control classes or an analogous hierarchical name for non-class items, and wherein the help system is integrated with an extension installation mechanism of the integrated development environment.

Statement of Reasons for Allowance

2. Claims 1, 12, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 25, 27, 28, 30-33 and 35 are allowed.

3. The closest prior art, Coulthard et al. 2004003091 A1, Cohen (US 7024658 B1), Adams et al. Help-Part 1 Contributing a little help, 8-9-2002 and Chong et al. US 20020184610 A1 disclose a method of providing an extensible help system but they do not explicitly and fairly teach all the required combinations that produce the functionality of the system.

Therefore, Coulthard et al. 2004003091 A1, Cohen (US 7024658 B1), Adams et al. Help-Part 1 Contributing a little help, 8-9-2002 and Chong et al. US 20020184610 A1

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singularly or in combination, still fail to anticipate or render the above cited limitations obvious.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue and to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on the statement of Reasons for Allowance".

Inquires

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sherrod Keaton whose telephone number is 571) 270-1697. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. thru Fri. and alternating Fri. off (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Bashore can be reached on 571-272-4088. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-3800.

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